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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: DAVID ELBERBAUM  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.10.

By Francis Doyle